

SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021



Bishop O'Dowd
High School

FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS

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CHARISM

Finding God in all things
calls us to:

- » Community in Diversity
- » Strength of Character
- » Academic Excellence
- » Kinship with Creation
- » Social Justice
- » Joy

ACCREDITATION

WCEA/WASC

ABOUT

Founded in 1951, Bishop O'Dowd High School (O'Dowd) is a fully accredited, Catholic college preparatory school with a challenging academic program. In a culturally rich community, O'Dowd develops healthy young people by providing them with opportunities to grow academically, spiritually, socially, and across interest areas. The present enrollment is 1,250. Applicants at the ninth and tenth grade levels are required to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) for entrance and placement.

MISSION

Bishop O'Dowd High School is owned and operated by the Diocese of Oakland and strives to develop young men and women of competence, conscience, and compassion through an integrated academic, spiritual, and extra-curricular program. Guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, we educate our diverse student body to build a more just, joyful, and sustainable world. We seek to develop leaders of influence who are loving, open to growth, religious, intellectually competent, and skilled leaders committed to justice and peace. The core values as outlined in our charism reinforce our continual desire to deepen our Catholic identity.

STUDENTS

The O'Dowd community represents the multi-cultural and socioeconomically diverse population of the San Francisco Bay Area, contributing to the richness of the O'Dowd experience. The current composition is: 17% African American, 11% Asian/Pacific Islander, 41% Euro-American, 10% Hispanic/Latino, 13% Multi-Racial, 0.4% Native American, and 8% other. More than 30% of O'Dowd students receive over \$3.5 million in financial aid annually. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, O'Dowd made additional emergency financial aid available to address the unexpected short-term financial needs of families for a total of over \$4 million.

FACULTY

O'Dowd's 96 faculty members commit to the highest quality, innovative teaching with more than 75% of faculty members holding advanced degrees.

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CLASS OF 2020 PROFILE

Graduates: 310

Attending College: 305

Gap Year: 5

PERFORMANCE

SAT Scores

O'Dowd	EBRW	Math	Total
Top 10%	720	730	1450
Ave. Score	610	591	1201
Students Tested	244	244	244

SAT Subject Mean Scores

Biology - Ecology	615	French with Listening	710
Biology - Molecular	620	Math Level II	675
Chemistry	619	Physics	680
Chinese with Listening	775	Spanish	664
English Literature	634	U.S. History	702

ACT Scores

	O'Dowd	Top 10%	Students Tested
English	27.1	34	137
Math	24.1	31	137
Reading	27.8	34	137
Science	25.4	34	137
Composite	26.1	33.3	137

CURRICULUM

Delivered experientially and through interactive classroom activities, seminars, college-style lectures and online courses, O'Dowd offers a broad and deep college-preparatory curriculum. Traditional forms of learning integrate with the use of state of the art technology. These required courses combine with electives, totaling 240 credits, for graduation:

- Religion (4 years)
- English (4 years)
- Social Studies (3 years)
- Mathematics (3 years)
- Physical Education (2 years)
- World Languages (2 years)
- Science (2 years)
- Fine Arts (1 year)

O'Dowd offers 22 AP courses and an additional 8 honors courses in six subjects: Mathematics, English, World Language, Chemistry, and History. In order to take more than two honors or AP courses, students must request permission.

REMOTE LEARNING STATUS

As of March 16th, 2020, Bishop O'Dowd High School has adopted a fully remote learning structure using a combination of synchronous instruction on Zoom and asynchronous work. Students meet synchronously with their teacher and class twice a week for 80-minute periods per class. The school currently plans to continue in this mode through fall semester 2020.

All school staff engaged in structured professional development over the summer to enhance remote teaching and learning, in support of not only pedagogy, but also student health and well-being.

Approximately 30 student families were impacted with loss of job, loss of housing, and significant financial situations. The school awarded financial aid support to those students and families. Many students were not able to access reliable internet connections, which thus impacted their participation and learning.

In the Class of 2021, 80 percent of our seniors have not sat for an SAT or ACT test, due to regional testing site health closures. The school will not host an SAT School Day due to the inability to safely proctor an exam on our campus. In addition, we have not advised students to seek alternative test sites requiring travel.

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National Merit Recognition:

The Class of 2020 had 8 National Merit Commended Scholars and 3 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars.

College Placement:

98% of O'Dowd students who applied to four-year colleges over the last five years were accepted.

AP Exams:

Bishop O'Dowd High School students passed the AP exam at a rate of 78%. On average, students take 1000 AP exams each year. AP tests are offered in these subject areas:

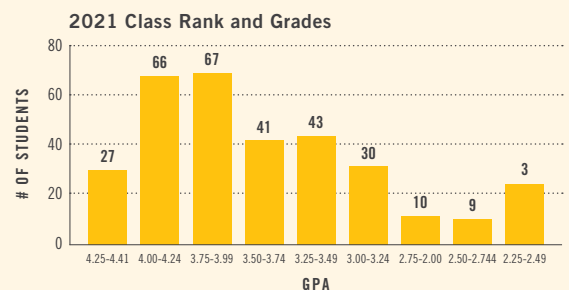
Biology	Human Geography
Calculus AB	Macro Economics
Calculus BC	Physics 1
Chemistry	Physics C - Electricity & Magnetism*
Chinese Language and Culture*	Physics C - Mechanics*
Comparative Government and Politics	Psychology
Computer Science A	Spanish Language and Culture
Computer Science Principles	Statistics
English Language and Comp*	Art and Design - Drawing
English Literature and Comp	Art and Design - 2D
Environmental Science	Art and Design - 3D
French Language and Culture	US Government & Politics
	U.S. History
	*test only

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Student-run clubs, events and activities build leadership skills and support a diverse range of student interests. These include: 57 competitive teams across 16 sports, 60+ student-led clubs, four musical groups and a theater arts program. Students extend their service learning participation beyond the 100-hour requirement through Campus Ministry community volunteer programs and retreat programs.

CLASS RANK AND GRADES

GPA's are reported on a 4.0 scale. O'Dowd does not report class rank. Advanced Placement and some Honors courses receive one additional grade point for grades A through C.



COLLEGES OFFERING ADMISSION TO THE CLASS OF 2020

UNIVERSITIES OF CALIFORNIA: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITIES: Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Chico, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Maritime, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Pomona, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, San Marcos, Sonoma, Stanislaus

Alabama A & M University	Duke Kunshan University	Kean University	Portland State University	Knoxville	University of Oregon
American University	Duke University	La Sierra University	Pratt Institute	The University of Texas at Austin	University of Pennsylvania
Arizona State University-Tempe	Earlham College	Lehigh University	Princeton University	Trinity University	University of Portland
ArtCenter College of Design	Eckerd College	Lewis & Clark College	Purdue University-Main Campus	Tulane University of Louisiana	University of Puget Sound
Azusa Pacific University	Elon University	Louisiana State University	Reed College	Tuskegee University	University of Redlands
Barnard College	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott	Loyola Marymount University	Regis University	United States Military Academy	University of Rochester
Baylor University	Emerson College	Loyola University Chicago	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University at Buffalo, State University of New York	University of San Diego
Belmont University	Emory University	Loyola University Maryland	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Alaska Anchorage	University of San Francisco
Bentley University	Fairfield University	Loyola University New Orleans	Rhodes College	University of British Columbia	University of Southern California
Boise State University	Florida State University	Marist College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of California	University of the Pacific
Boston College	Fordham University	Marquette University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Colorado Boulder	University of Toronto
Boston University	Franklin and Marshall College	Maryland Institute College of Art	Saint Joseph's University	University of Colorado Colorado Springs	University of Vermont
Brandeis University	Furman University	Maryville University of Saint Louis	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	University of Washington, Seattle
Brown University	George Fox University	McDaniel College	Saint Michael's College	University of Wisconsin-Madison	Ursinus College
Bucknell University	George Mason University	McGill University	Santa Clara University	University of Wyoming	Villanova University
Butler University	George Washington University	Menlo College	Sarah Lawrence College	Virginia Military Institute	Wake Forest University
California College of the Arts	Georgetown University	Miami University-Oxford	Savannah College of Art and Design	Walla Walla University	Washington State University
California Institute of the Arts	Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus	Michigan State University	School of Visual Arts	Washington University in St Louis	Wesleyan College
California Lutheran University	Georgia State University	Mills College	Scripps College	West Chester University of Pennsylvania	Western Oregon University
Carnegie Mellon University	Georgia State University-Perimeter College	Montana State University	Seattle University	Western Washington University	Wheaton College - Massachusetts
Case Western Reserve University	Gonzaga University	Morehouse College	Seton Hall University	Whittier College	Woodbury University
Chapman University	Goucher College	Morgan State University	Skidmore College	William and Mary	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Clark Atlanta University	Grand Canyon University	Mount Holyoke College	Southern Oregon University	Williams College	Xavier University
Clarkson University	Guilford College	New York School of Interior Design	Spelman College	Xavier University of Louisiana	Yale University
Clemson University	Hampshire College	New York University	St. John's University		
College of Charleston	Hampton University	Northeastern University	Stanford University		
Colorado Mesa University	Harvard College	Northern Arizona University	Stony Brook University, State University of New York		
Colorado School of Mines	Harvey Mudd College	Northwestern University	University of New York		
Colorado State University-Fort Collins	Hobart William Smith Colleges	Norwich University	Syracuse University		
Columbia University in the City of New York	Hofstra University	Oakwood University	Temple University		
Cornell College	Howard University	Occidental College	Texas Christian University		
Cornell University	Indiana University-Bloomington	Ohio State University	University of Montana		
Creighton University	Ithaca College	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Nevada-Las Vegas		
CUNY Hunter College	Johns Hopkins University	Oregon State University	University of Nevada-Reno		
Denison University	Johnson & Wales University, Providence	Pacific Union College	University of New Hampshire-Main Campus		
DePaul University		Pacific University	University of New Mexico-Main Campus		
Dillard University		Pennsylvania State University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill		
Dominican University of California		Pepperdine University	University of Notre Dame		
Drexel University		Pitzer College			
		Pomona College			